(b) As on 31-7-1994, 4,762 Panchayat Villages have been provided with public telephone facility in the State of Orissa.

(c) The performance of some of the older generation of Multi-Access Rural Radio Systems working in Orissa has not fully satisfactory.

(d) The following steps have been taken :—

(i) The older generation radio systems are getting progressively replaced by those of latest technology.

(ii) Necessary infrastructural facilities e.g. Vehicles, Staff spares and testing instruments are being provided regularly.

(iii) Proper control and monitoring of performance of equipments are being done.

(iv) More reliable media e.g. Radio equipment of latest technology is being inducted in the rural network.

Installation of internal cables by subscribers

1917. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has taken a decision that the new telephone subscribers will have to install the internal telephone cables, instruments etc. by themselves;

(b) if so, by when the decision will be effective; and

(c) what detailed provision Government have made in case of faults occurred either on the Department of Telecommunications or the subscribers side?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) to (c) Sir, the entire matter is under active consideration of the Government.

Installation of Telephone connections in Calcutta under OYT Scheme

1918. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Calcutta Telephones, Calcutta has not yet got installed telephone connecions under OYT scheme to those who applied within 31st March, 1994 despite the areas having been declared open by the authorities for such connections;

(b) the details and number of applicants under the OYT scheme awaiting installation of telephones who applied and deposited their money till 31st March, 1994 to the areas under the jurisdiction of General Manager, North and South of Calcutta Telephones;

(c) whether the applications from some NRIs for such OYT connections have not been properly processed;

(d) whether Government would take immediate steps to ensure proper service to Non-resident Indians seeking such connction along with other applicants; and

(e) if so, the facts and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Number of cases registered under OYT category upto 31st March, 1994 in the areas under the jurisdiction of General Manager, north and south, Calcutta Telephones and awaiting installation of telephones as on 30-6-1994 is as under;

South Area — 336

North Area — 135

(c) No such case has been noticed.